

Comparing and Contrasting

“Mother to Son” and “Still I Rise”

1. How is the overall message of these two poems the same? What is each author striving to accomplish and rise from? Cite 2 examples.

2. What contrast do you see in the two author’s tones? Though they are on the same “mission”, how are their locations on the journey different? Cite 2 examples.

3. Look at the imagery relating to “wealth” in the two poems. How are these images different, and how do they contribute to the tone of the poems? Show 2 examples.

4. When you consider the forms of the poems- the rhyme, the rhythm, the beats per line (meter), the layout-how do these poems differ? Why do you think each poet chose to use these tools differently?

Find 2 examples of:

“Still I Rise”

“Mother to Son”

Imagery

Simile

Metaphor

Hyperbole

Personification

Rhyme

Rhythm

Alliteration

Tone